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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES ARIZONA 2-1-1 ONLINE
System to Serve as Gateway to Community Resources, Emergency Information

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today introduced Arizona 2-1-1 Online, an innovative statewide database that provides the public with information about health and human services, as well as detailed information in the event of an emergency. Arizona 2-1-1 Online provides public access to a comprehensive database of nonprofit and government services over the Internet at www.az211.gov.

“I am pleased to announce Arizona 2-1-1 Online,” Governor Napolitano said. “This is a valuable new resource for Arizonans to easily access information they need – everything from finding a health care center in your neighborhood to timely information when there’s a fire or a flood.”

Arizona 2-1-1 Online offers information on health and human services such as job training programs, housing and immunization programs. Through this program, emergency response agencies can also provide crucial, life-saving information to the public.

The development of this web-based program was funded by a federal grant through the Arizona Department of Health Services. Other agencies contributed personnel, technical expertise and oversight. Those agencies include the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Arizona Office of Homeland Security, Arizona State Land Department, Government Information Technology Agency, and the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families.

Arizona 2-1-1 Online is Phase I of the Governor’s 2-1-1 initiative. Phase II will involve telephone call centers; the Governor’s Council on 2-1-1 is in the early planning stages of creating those community based centers.

Members of the 2-1-1 outreach team will tour the state in July to offer public demonstrations of Arizona 2-1-1 Online. A schedule of the public demonstrations is attached.